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Entitled: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD,  
NETWORK SYSTEM, RECORDING MEDIUM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM

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AND WHEREAS, Sony Corporation, a Japanese corporation with offices at 6-7-35 Kitashinagawa, Shinagawa-Ku, Tokyo, Japan and Accenture Corporation, Nihon Seimei Akasaka Daini Building, 7-1-16, Akasaka Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNEES) are desirous of acquiring all interest in, to and under said invention, said application disclosing the invention and in, to and under any Letters Patent or similar legal protection which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

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